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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:        :

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SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION   :
         (Based on PCT/CH99/00338)

FILED: HEREWITH           : EXAMINER:

FOR:   TRANSACTION METHOD AND     :
       DEVICES SUITABLE THEREFOR

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

    Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified

application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-17 without prejudice.

Please add new Claims 18-34 as follows:

18. (New) A transaction method in which object picture data relating to a transaction

object are made visible to a user, in which eye features of the user are determined and in

which the determined eye features are linked in a transaction record to object data relating to

the transaction object and containing at least an object identification of the transaction object,

and the transaction record is transmitted to a processing unit, wherein